

SRP Application Fee Proposal Fact Sheet

- BLM Colorado manages over 800 Special Recreation Permits annually. Through these commercial services, BLM provides a variety of recreation opportunities including: big game hunting, fishing, float boating, hiking, biking, horse and jeep tours, hot air ballooning, and paragliding, among others. BLM also provides opportunities for organized groups activities such as jamborees, weddings, etc, and special events such as fund raisers, races, endurance rides, etc.
- The proposal would establish – on a consistent basis – statewide application, transfer, and renewal fees for Special Recreation Permits to help offset the cost of processing SRPs. The fee will apply only to commercial, competitive, or organized group activity and event use types of special recreation permits.
- Suggested implementation would be in FY-2006.
- The proposed fees are as follows:
 - New Permits - \$100
 - Renewals (re-issuance of expired permits) - \$50
 - Transfers - \$100
 - Annual Operating Authorizations - No fee charged
- Currently there is no application fee;
- Provides clarity on application fee vs. use fee;
- A statewide application fee will make consistent the cost of applying for and receiving a commercial special recreation permit from BLM. This will be a Non-Refundable application fee.
- Currently Colorado offices have been requiring the \$90 minimum use fee for new permit applications. If a permit is not issued, some offices return the funds while some offices keep the fees to offset the costs of evaluation.
- 43CFR2932.31, d, 1-4, gives the State Director the authority to set and adjust fees for SRPs; in addition, the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM's) Priorities for Recreation and Visitor Services (Purple Book) Goal 3: Provide for and Receive Fair Value in Recreation supports the statewide fee.

- The fee would put dollars spent on processing permits back into field offices for on the-ground work such as Law Enforcement, seasonal employees, site improvements, etc.
- The public and private outfitters will benefit from the fee through increased law enforcement capabilities, further funds for signing and interpretive education, and a greater presence by BLM staff in the field to control illegal operations on our public lands.
- This is strictly an administrative fee that is within BLM's authority to implement.
- This fee creates consistency throughout the state.
- The fee **only** affects commercial and organized activities requiring a SRP.
- The average cost to existing permit holders will be \$10.00 per year, as most permits are renewed every five years.
- This is not an access or use fee